

1978

A group of men from Boonabrough were camped next to the salt spring, boiling the water to get salt for their meat, etc. A band of Shawnee Indians took them by surprise and captured them, including Boone. They marched to Detroit & turned the prisoners over to English then - except Boone. The Shawnee wanted Boone to be member of their tribe. They tore out his hair except one lock etc. He acted happy to become

a member, months went by. At first they watched him closely. They counted the bullets they gave him when he went hunting. Borne cut the bullets in half & saved half. When he knew when the Indians would attack Boonestrough he left. He traveled on foot 160 miles in 4 days. At Boonestrough there were only 30 men & 20 boys. They built the walls stronger. Then came hundreds of Indians led by English officers. For 9 days the Indians stormed Boonestrough. They tried tunnels. They set fire to the walls. They had no water, but the settlers fought on. Heavy rains caved in their tunnels & put the fires out. Indians gave up

May 17 78

Colonel George Rogers Clark started down the Ohio with only 175 men but they all knew the wilderness & how to shoot they went to the Falls of the Ohio & were told of Clark's plan

June 1778

Colonel Clark & 175 men came to
an old deserted fort on the Ohio. They
hid their ~~pos~~ boats, rest of the bag
to be on foot in secret

July 4, 1778 (George Rogers)

Colonel Clark & his men went across the top (of late Illinois) reached Kaskaskia during the night of July 4, 1778. They surrounded the village, entered the fort, seized the garrison. The Commander of the fort woke up to find: "I am a Colonel in the Army of Virginia and You, Sir are my prisoner. Kaskaskia had fallen without a shot. He freed the French there. They went to Cahokia 50 mi

away. This fort also fell without a shot. Father
Gibault went to Vincennes with a few of
Clark's men. The fort went to the American side &
Father Gibault returned to Clark. Clark spent the
summer making peace with the Indians.
Colonel Hamilton marched to Vincennes & seized
the fort in the winter waiting for spring before going
to the other forts (Jan 1779)